Eighth Five Year Plan to Inland Waterways Authority of India and Central Inland Water Transport Corporation has not been fully utilised;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the action taken or likely to be taken in this regard: and

(d) the details of funds allotted and uitlised, so far State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The reasons for low utilisation of funds are mainly attributable to (1) inadequate availability of manpower, (2) time taken in completion of techno-economic studies, (3) detailed preparation of schemes, (4) non-implementation of Rajabagan Dockyard Modernisation Project and non-acquisition of all vessels under the 7th Plan Vessel Acquisition Scheme.

(c) The Inland Waterways Authority of India has made a comprehensive review in 1995-96 and preparation of schemes has been expedited. As regards the Central Inland Water Transport Corporation the implementation of the scheme of modernisation of Rajabagan Dockyard is under process. Necessary steps are also being taken to obtain approval for the revised cost estimate for the 7th Plan Vessel Acquisition Scheme.

(d) Allocations of funds are not made State-wise: they are made for National Waterway Scheme and other activities. For Centrally Sponsored Schemes executed by various State Governments, there was an allotment of Rs.3.95 crores under the 8th Plan for the period from 1992-93 to 1995-96. The details of State-wise expenditure under Centally Sponsored Schemes are furnished as under :-

(Rs. in crores)

Name of State	Expenditure 1992-93 to 1995-96
Bihar	0.02
Goa	0.20
Kerala	0.54
UP	0.04
West Bengal	0.53
Total	1.33

National Drug Authority

2994. SHRI ANANTH KUMAR :
SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to set up the National Drug Authority to develop and define basic standards relating to all aspects of drugs:

(b) if so, the details thereof: and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Action has already been initiated to set up a National Drug Authority under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare to develop and define basic standards relating to all aspects of drugs.

(c) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Irrigation Capacity

2995. PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA :
SHRI NAVAL KISHORE RAI :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the irrigation capacity of the country was 22.6 million hectares before the commencement of five years plan:

(b) if not, the facts in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that schemes had been formulated by fixing target in each Five Year Plan for continuous increase in the irrigation capacity of the country:

(d) if so, the details of the target set for each first to Eighth Five Year Plan;

(e) the total amount spent in each five year plan for achieving the target;

(f) total irrigation capacity likely to be achieved in the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(g) whether Union Government had conducted any survey to find out the extent of difference in the capacities of various States of the country;

(h) if so, the State-wise gap noticed at the end of the year 1994-95; and

(i) whether Union Government have issued any directives to the State Government to make full utilisation of the installed irrigation capacity?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

(c) to (e). Yes, Sir. A Statement showing Plan-wise targets of irrigation Potential and total amount spent thereon from the First Five Year Plan to the Eighth Five Year Plan is at Statement-I.

(f) Out of the Eighth Five Year Plan target of 15.80 million hectares, in the first two years of the plan (1992-